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SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIA NOTAM 224

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO ASMARA ADDIS ABABA
TELAVIV SANAA MARCH 26, FROM JIDDA REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1226

FOR NEA/ ARP FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIA NOTAM 224

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SUMMARY. DG CIVIL AVIATION CONFIRMS THAT NOTAM 224 NOT RPT
NOT AIMED AT NORTH- SOUTH FLIGHTS (ISRAELI OR OTHER) OVER
INTERNATIONAL WATERS OUTSIDE SAUDI JURISDICTION. NOTAMS
PRIMARILY AIMED AT FLIGHTS FROM GULF OVER RESTRICTED MILITARY
AREAS IN SOUTHERN PART OF SAUDI ARABIA. AMENDED NOTAM HAS
BEEN ISSUED AND WE ASSURED NO CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT WOULD IN
ANY CASE EVER BE FIRED ON; SAUDIS WILL IGNORE FLIGHTS OVER
RED SEA INTERNATIONAL WATERS OUTSIDE DESIGNATED
CORRIDORS. END SUMMARY.

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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION HAS CONFIRMED TO ME THAT NOTAM 224 OF LAST DECEMBER REPEATED IN MARCH WAS NOT RPT NOT AIMED AT NORTH- SOUTH FLIGHTS OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS OUTSIDE SAUDI JURISDICTION. WHOLE INTENT WAS TO WARN AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED MILITARY AREAS OUTSIDE OF NOTIFIED AIR ROUTES IN SOUTHERN PART OF SAUDI ARABIA. NOTAM WAS INITIATED BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AFTER NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS BY AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM PERSIAN GULF TO HORN OF AFRICA. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE SUPPOSED TO FLY OVER BISHA ON NOTIFIED AIR TRAFFIC ROUTES TO RED SEA AND THEN S

3. CANADIAN, BELGIAN, FRENCH AND AUSTRIAN REPS REITERATED THAT " PRINCIPLES" OF MFN AND NON- DISCRIMINATION ARE IN- APPROPRIATE FOR CSCE DISCUSSION. CANADIAN AND AUSTRIAN REPS PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED THAT CONSIDERATION OF MFN IN CSCE CONTEXT MIGHT PREJUDICE FUTURE BILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. CANADIAN REP POINTED OUT THAT NON- DISCRIMINATION IS COM- PLEX PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF FRUITLESS DISCUSSION OVER PAST TWO DECADES AND IS UNLIKELY TO BE SOLVED BY CSCE. CZECHOSLOVAK REP RESPONDED THAT PRACTICAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRADE RELATIONS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED APART FROM POLITICAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH SUCH RELATIONS DEVELOP.

4. SOVIET REP SUPPORTED HUNGARIAN, CZECHOSLOVAK AND GDR PROPOSALS AND OFFERED TO AMEND TEXT OF USSR BASKET TWO " CHAPEAU" TABLED MARCH 22 (HELSINKI 754) TO MEET CRITICISM OF MALTESE REP EXPRESSED LAST WEEK THAT PHRASE " ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT" DISCRIMINATES AGAINST SOME STATES AND THAT " CHAPEAU" SHOULD MENTION CONTRIBUTION OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION. SOVIET REP DEMURRED, HOWEVER, AT MALTESE INSISTENCE THAT BASKET TWO INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE SHOULD REFER TO MEDITARRANEAN. (WILL CABLE AMENDED SOVIET TEXT WHEN AVAILABLE.)

5. US REP NOTED SOVIET STATEMENT THAT FORMULATION " IN EUROPE" DID NOT PREJUDICE PARTICIPATION OF STATES AND HE PROPOSED THAT TO AVOID POSSIBLE AMBIGUITY IN THIS AREA IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO USE FORMULATION " PARTICIPATING STATES". THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE WITH RESPECT GDR ENVIRON- MENTAL MANDATE WHICH REFERS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO " MORE RATIONAL UTILIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN EUROPE." US REP SAID THAT, WHILE NOW DIFFICULT FOR STATES TO DECIDE SCOPE OF THEIR ULTIMATE PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED PROJECTS, MPT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PREJUDICE PARTICIPATION OF ANY STATE
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